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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELECTIVE MEETINGS

Introduced By: Representative JP O`Neill

Date Introduced: February 09, 2010

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17-18-15 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-18 entitled "Elective
2 Meetings" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **17-18-15. Closing of schools.** -- At each [election as defined in subdivision 17-1-2\(1\),](#)
4 [including a presidential preference primary,](#) general election as defined in section 17-1-2(2) and
5 statewide primary as defined in section 17-15-1, all public elementary and secondary schools
6 throughout the state shall not be in session. On the day of ~~the general election and statewide~~
7 ~~primary~~ [said elections and/or primaries,](#) the use of school buildings or premises shall be restricted
8 to use only as polling places for election purposes. Notwithstanding the previous provisions,
9 school staff development days may be held. Provided further, that the provisions of this section
10 shall not be applicable to the Block Island School, located in the town of New Shoreham, and the
11 use of the Block Island School shall not be restricted, nor shall classes need to be cancelled or
12 postponed at said school, on the day of ~~general elections and statewide primaries~~ [said elections](#)
13 [and/or primaries.](#)

14 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would require schools to be closed for presidential preference primary days.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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